



FEDERAL HOUSING FINANCE AGENCY

[No. 2021–N–6]

Proposed Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: Federal Housing Finance Agency.

ACTION: Federal Home Loan Bank Directors—30-day notice of submission of information collection for approval from Office of Management and Budget.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the requirements of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA), the Federal Housing Finance Agency (FHFA or the Agency) is seeking public comments concerning an information collection known as “Federal Home Loan Bank Directors,” which has been assigned control number 2590-0006 by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB). FHFA intends to submit the information collection to OMB for review and approval of a three-year extension of the control number, which expired on February 28, 2021.

DATES: Interested persons may submit comments on or before **[INSERT DATE 30 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE *FEDERAL REGISTER*]**.

ADDRESSES: Submit comments to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs of the Office of Management and Budget, Attention: Desk Officer for the Federal Housing Finance Agency, Washington, DC 20503, Fax: (202) 395-3047, E-mail: OIRA_submission@omb.eop.gov. Please also submit comments to FHFA, identified by “Proposed Collection; Comment Request: ‘Federal Home Loan Bank Directors, (No. 2021-N-6)’” by any of the following methods:

- *Agency Website:* www.fhfa.gov/open-for-comment-or-input.
- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments. If you submit your comment to the *Federal eRulemaking Portal*, please also send it by *e-mail* to FHFA at

RegComments@fhfa.gov to ensure timely receipt by the agency.

- *Mail/Hand Delivery:* Federal Housing Finance Agency, Eighth Floor, 400 Seventh Street SW., Washington, DC 20219, ATTENTION: Proposed Collection; Comment Request: “Federal Home Loan Bank Directors, (No. 2021-N-6).”

We will post all public comments we receive without change, including any personal information you provide, such as your name and address, email address, and telephone number, on the FHFA website at <http://www.fhfa.gov>. In addition, copies of all comments received will be available for examination by the public through the electronic comment docket for this PRA Notice also located on the FHFA website.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Vickie Olafson, Assistant General Counsel, Vickie.Olafson@fhfa.gov, (202) 649-3025; or Angela Supervielle, Counsel, Angela.Supervielle@fhfa.gov, (202) 649-3973 (these are not toll-free numbers); Federal Housing Finance Agency, 400 Seventh Street SW., Washington, DC 20219. The Telecommunications Device for the Deaf is (800) 877-8339.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

A. Need for and Use of the Information Collection

Section 7 of the Federal Home Loan Bank Act (Bank Act) vests the management of each Federal Home Loan Bank (Bank) in its board of directors.¹ As required by section 7, each Bank’s board comprises two types of directors: (1) member directors, who are drawn from the officers and directors of member institutions located in the Bank’s district and who are elected to represent members in a particular state in that district; and (2) independent directors, who are unaffiliated with any of the Bank’s member institutions, but who reside in the Bank’s district and are elected on an at-large

¹ See 12 U.S.C. 1427(a)(1).

basis.² Both types of directors serve four-year terms, which are staggered so that approximately one-quarter of a Bank's total directorships are up for election every year.³ Section 7 and FHFA's implementing regulation, codified at 12 CFR part 1261, establish the eligibility requirements for both types of Bank directors and the professional qualifications for independent directors, and set forth the procedures for their election.

Part 1261 requires that each Bank administer its own annual director election process. As part of this process, a Bank must require each nominee for both types of directorship, including any incumbent that may be a candidate for re-election, to complete and return to the Bank a form that solicits information about the candidate's statutory eligibility to serve and, in the case of independent director candidates, about his or her professional qualifications for the directorship being sought.⁴ Specifically, member director candidates are required to complete the *Federal Home Loan Bank Member Director Eligibility Certification Form (Member Director Eligibility Certification Form)*, while independent director candidates must complete the *Federal Home Loan Bank Independent Director Application Form (Independent Director Application Form)*. Each Bank must also require all of its incumbent directors to certify annually that they continue to meet all eligibility requirements.⁵ Member directors do this by completing the *Member Director Eligibility Certification Form* again every year, while independent directors complete the abbreviated *Federal Home Loan Bank Independent Director Annual Certification Form (Independent Director Annual Certification Form)* to certify their ongoing eligibility.

The Banks use the information collection contained in the *Independent Director Application Form* and part 1261 to determine whether individuals who wish to stand for

² See 12 U.S.C. 1427(a)(4), (b), and (d).

³ See 12 U.S.C. 1427(d).

⁴ See 12 CFR 1261.7(c) and (f); 12 CFR 1261.14(b).

⁵ See 12 CFR 1261.12.

election or re-election as independent directors satisfy the statutory eligibility requirements and possess the professional qualifications required under the statute and regulations. Only individuals meeting those requirements and qualifications may serve as an independent director.⁶ On an annual basis, the Banks use the information collection contained in the *Independent Director Annual Certification Form* and part 1261 to determine whether their incumbent independent directors continue to meet the statutory eligibility requirements. The Banks use the information collection contained in the *Member Director Eligibility Certification Form* and part 1261 to determine whether individuals who wish to stand for election or re-election as member directors satisfy the statutory eligibility requirements. Only individuals meeting these requirements may serve as a member director.⁷ On an annual basis, the Banks also use the information collection contained in the *Member Director Eligibility Certification Form* and part 1261 to determine whether their incumbent member directors continue to meet the statutory eligibility requirements.

The OMB control number for this information collection is 2590-0006. The current clearance for the information collection expired on February 28, 2021. The likely respondents are individuals who are prospective and incumbent Bank directors.

B. Revisions to the Bank Director Forms

In advance of the 2021 Bank director election cycle, FHFA has revised each of the three Bank Director Application and Certification forms, all of which have existed in substantially their current form since the current statutory requirements for Bank directors were adopted in 2008.

The *Independent Director Application Form*, by far the longest of the three forms and requiring a number of essay-type answers, is completed by all independent

⁶ See 12 U.S.C. 1427(a)(3).

⁷ See 12 U.S.C. 1427(a)(3) and (b)(1).

directorship nominees, including incumbents seeking re-nomination. The information requested on the form is designed to confirm that the nominee is legally eligible to serve as an independent director, has the required professional qualifications for the type of independent directorship being sought, and is of high personal integrity and to identify any potential conflicts of interest of which the Bank should be aware. The revisions tie the questions more closely to statutory and regulatory requirements, provide more structured answer choices so as to ensure responses are relevant, solicit more comprehensive information on issues about which the Bank must weigh facts to make a legal judgment about the nominee's eligibility, and generally streamline the questions. The revisions should allow nominees to complete the form more quickly by providing preset answer choices for many questions, permitting attachments in answer to certain questions, and eliminating some superfluous questions. FHFA estimates that, in addition to encouraging more accurate and complete answers, the revisions will reduce the amount of time it takes a nominee to complete the form from three to two hours.

The *Independent Director Annual Certification Form* is completed by incumbent independent directors annually to certify that they remain legally eligible to serve. The prior form provided independent directors with the option merely to check a box stating that "no changes have occurred" with respect to the director's compliance with the statutory eligibility requirements. In the Agency's view, providing this option resulted in some independent directors overlooking changes in residence or employment that might have rendered them ineligible to continue to serve. The revised form requires independent directors to provide current information on residence and employment to allow the Bank to determine whether there may be new information leading to eligibility concerns.

The *Member Director Eligibility Certification Form* is completed both by nominees running for a member directorship and annually by incumbent member

directors to certify their continuing eligibility. The form is intended to confirm that member directors and member directorship nominees are legally eligible to serve in the directorship positions they occupy or are seeking. Although some questions on the form have been revised to provide preset answers, the substance of the questions on the revised form remain essentially the same as those on the prior form. The *Member Director Eligibility Certification Form* was most recently revised in August 2020 to remove a notarization requirement (neither of the other two Bank director forms had such a requirement).

The revised questions, including preset answer selections, and instructions for each of the Bank director forms appear at the end of this notice. The final formatting of the revised forms is currently in process.

C. Burden Estimate

FHFA estimates the total annual hour burden imposed upon respondents by the three Bank director forms comprising this information collection to be 119 hours (39 hours + 50 hours + 30 hours = 119 hours, as detailed below).

The Agency estimates the total annual hour burden on all member director candidates and incumbent member directors associated with review and completion of the *Member Director Eligibility Certification Form* to be 39 hours. This includes a total annual average of 72 member director nominees (24 open seats per year with three nominees for each) completing the form as an application, with 1 response per nominee taking an average of 15 minutes (.25 hours) (72 respondents x .25 hours = 18 hours). It also includes a total annual average of 84 incumbent member directors not up for election completing the form as an annual certification, with 1 response per individual taking an average of 15 minutes (.25 hours) (84 individuals x .25 hours = 21 hours).

The Agency estimates the total annual hour burden on all independent director candidates associated with review and completion of the *Independent Director*

Application Form to be 50 hours. This includes a total annual average of 25 independent director candidates (22 open seats per year, plus three vacancies, with one nominee for each), with 1 response per individual taking an average of 2.0 hours (25 individuals x 2.0 hours = 50 hours).

The Agency estimates the total annual hour burden on all incumbent independent directors associated with review and completion of the *Independent Director Annual Certification Form* to be 30 hours. This includes a total annual average of 60 incumbent independent directors not up for election, with 1 response per individual taking an average of 30 minutes (.5 hours) (60 individuals x .5 hours = 30 hours).

D. Comments Request

In accordance with the requirements of 5 CFR 1320.8(d), FHFA published an initial notice and request for public comments regarding this information collection in the **Federal Register** on March 3, 2021.⁸ The 60-day comment period closed on May 3, 2021. FHFA received two comment letters—one from the eleven Banks jointly and one from a trade association.

In their joint letter, the Banks made a number of suggestions regarding the rephrasing of questions and instructions on each of the forms for greater clarity and to better elicit pertinent information. FHFA has further revised the forms to incorporate most of those suggestions, some verbatim and others in essence. The Banks also requested that FHFA add more detail to the *Independent Director Application Form* questions and instructions regarding the Agency's interpretations of the statutory and regulatory independence requirements applying to independent directors and the qualifications requirements for public interest independent directors. FHFA has declined to make those revisions (although it has slightly modified the material on public interest director qualifications for greater clarity). Agency interpretations of statutory and

⁸ See 86 FR 12448 (Mar. 3, 2021).

regulatory requirements pertaining to Bank director eligibility are discussed in the forms only to the extent necessary to clarify the purpose of particular questions so as to better ensure the provision of accurate and relevant responses. The Bank director forms are not intended to serve as guidance documents.

The trade association's comment letter focused on FHFA's interpretations of the statutory qualifications requirements for public interest independent directors. Neither comment letter questioned the need for the information collection or addressed the Agency's burden estimates.

FHFA requests written comments on the following: (1) Whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of FHFA functions, including whether the information has practical utility; (2) the accuracy of FHFA's estimates of the burdens of the collection of information; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information collected; and (4) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

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FEDERAL HOME LOAN BANK MEMBER DIRECTOR ELIGIBILITY CERTIFICATION FORM (REVISED)

INSTRUCTIONS

This Federal Home Loan Bank Member Director Eligibility Certification Form must be completed by individuals wishing to accept a nomination to stand for election as a member director of the Federal Home Loan Bank of [TO BE COMPLETED BY EACH BANK] (Bank) or to be considered for appointment by the Bank's board to fill a member directorship that has become vacant. It must also be completed annually by each incumbent member director. Your responses to the questions on this Form will assist the Bank in verifying that you meet the eligibility requirements to serve as a member director.

You are eligible to serve as a member director of the Bank only if you meet all of the following requirements:

- You are a citizen of the United States;
- You are an officer or director of a member institution of the Bank:
 - That was a member of the Bank as of December 31, [PRIOR YEAR]; and
 - Whose voting state for purposes of Bank directorship elections is the state that is represented by the directorship for which you have been nominated; and
- Each member of the Bank for which you are an officer or director is in compliance with all of its applicable minimum capital requirements established by its primary regulator (this requirement does not apply in the case of any member for which you are an officer or director that does not have capital requirements established by a primary regulator, such as a non-depository community development financial institution).

These eligibility requirements may be found in sections 7(a) and (b) of the Federal Home Loan Bank Act, 12 U.S.C. 1427(a) and (b), and sections 1261.5(a) and (b) of the regulations of the Federal Housing Finance Agency, 12 CFR 1261.5(a) and (b).

Please follow the instructions below appropriate for the purpose for which you are completing this Form.

NOMINEES IN THE ANNUAL ELECTION CYCLE

If you have been nominated to stand for election as a member director of the Bank you must complete and execute this Form and submit it to the Bank on or before the date specified by the Bank to accept the nomination. If you do not submit a completed and executed Form by that date, you will be deemed to have declined the nomination. By law, the Bank may not permit a directorship nominee to stand for election unless it has verified that the nominee is legally eligible to serve in the directorship for which he or she has been nominated. Further, the Bank may neither declare elected any nominee nor seat any director-elect whom it has reason to know is ineligible to serve.

CANDIDATES TO FILL A VACANT MEMBER DIRECTORSHIP

If the Bank's board of directors is considering you as a candidate to fill the unexpired term of office of a vacant member directorship on the Bank's board, you must complete and execute this Form and return it to the Bank on or before the date specified by the Bank. If you fail to submit a completed and executed Form by that date, or if you submit a Form that does not adequately demonstrate that you meet all applicable eligibility requirements, the Bank may determine that you are ineligible to serve, in which case the Bank's board would be prohibited by law from electing you to fill the vacant directorship.

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By law, the Bank's board may not elect any person to fill a vacant directorship unless it has verified that the individual is legally eligible to serve in that directorship.

ANNUAL ELIGIBILITY CERTIFICATIONS BY INCUMBENT DIRECTORS

The Bank is required by law to solicit information from its incumbent directors annually to verify that each director remains in compliance with the applicable statutory and regulatory eligibility requirements. During each calendar year that you are an incumbent member director, you must complete and execute this Form and return it to the Bank on or before the date specified by the Bank. If you fail to submit a completed and executed Form by that date, or if you submit a Form that does not adequately demonstrate that you continue to meet all applicable eligibility requirements, the Bank may determine that you are ineligible to serve, in which case it would be required by law to declare your directorship vacant.

YOUR PERSONAL INFORMATION

Please provide your personal information as indicated in Questions 1 – 3.

1. ***Full Name:***
2. ***Other Names Currently or Formerly Used, or Known by:***
3. ***Contact Information:***
 - Phone number (leave room for multiple; indicate home, office, or cell):
 - E-mail address:
 - Mailing address: Number/Street (or PO Box), City, State, Zip Code

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

Please answer in full Questions 4 – 6, which pertain to your compliance with the statutory and regulatory eligibility requirements for member directors. You may continue your answers onto additional pages, if necessary, each of which shall be attached to, and deemed a part of, this Form.

4. ***Citizenship.*** Are you a citizen of the United States? ____ Yes ____ No
5. ***Primary Member Affiliation.*** Please provide the following information about the entity you serve as an officer or director that is a member of the Bank on whose board you serve or have been nominated to serve:
 - Name of the member:
 - FHFA ID number of the member:
 - Voting state in which the member is located:
 - Your title or position:
 - Your business address at the member:
 - Does this member comply with all applicable minimum capital requirements established by its primary regulator? ____ Yes ____ No ____ Not Applicable

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6. *Other Member Affiliations.* Please provide the following information about any other entity you serve as an officer or director that is a member of the Bank on whose board you serve or have been nominated to serve (if more than one, please provide the information on a separate sheet, which shall be deemed a part of this Form):
- A. Other than the member you listed in response to Question 5, do you serve as an officer or director of any other institution that is a member of this Bank? ☐ Yes ☐ No
 - B. If you answered Yes to Question 6A, please provide the following information for each member of the Federal Home Loan Bank that you serve as an officer or director:
 - o Name of the member:
 - o FHFA ID number of the member:
 - o Your title or position:
 - o Does this member comply with all applicable minimum capital requirements established by its primary regulator?
☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Not Applicable

By executing this Form, you are certifying that the information you have provided is true, correct, and complete to the best of your knowledge and that you understand that you have a continuing obligation to inform the Bank of any facts that may call into question your eligibility or ability to serve as a Bank director. You further acknowledge that the Bank and the Federal Housing Finance Agency may perform a background check on you, including without limitation regarding any information disclosed herein.

Signature:

Dated:

Privacy Act Statement: In accordance with the Privacy Act (5 U.S.C. 552a), the following notice is provided. This information is solicited under authority of 12 U.S.C. 1427(a) and (b) and 12 CFR 1261.5, 1261.7, and 1261.10 to 1261.13. Furnishing the information on this Form is voluntary, but failure to do so may result in your not meeting the statutory and regulatory eligibility requirements to serve as a Federal Home Loan Bank member director. The purpose of this information is to facilitate the timely determination of your eligibility to serve as a member director. Information may be disclosed in accordance with the routine uses identified in FHFA-System of Records Notice FHFA-8 Federal Home Loan Bank Directors, which may be found at <https://www.fhfa.gov/AboutUs/FOIAPrivacy/Documents/SORNs/FHFA-8%20Federal%20Home%20Loan%20Bank%20Directors.pdf>.

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INSTRUCTIONS

You either have expressed interest in, or have been recommended for, nomination to stand for election as an independent director of the Federal Home Loan Bank of [TO BE COMPLETED BY EACH BANK] (Bank). If you would like the Bank's board of directors to consider you as a possible nominee for an independent directorship, you must complete and execute this Federal Home Loan Bank Independent Director Application Form and submit it to the Bank on or before [DATE AT LEAST 30 DAYS AFTER BANKS PROVIDES ACCESS TO THE FORM]. If you do not submit a completed and executed Form by that date, you will be deemed to have declined to be considered for nomination.

By law, the Bank's board of directors may nominate you for an independent directorship only if it has verified that you meet the legal eligibility requirements applying to independent directors and possess the professional qualifications that are specified by law for the type of independent directorship for which you are being considered. Your responses to the questions on this Form will assist the Bank in verifying that you are legally eligible, and possess the required professional qualifications, to serve as an independent director of the Bank if elected.

You are eligible to serve as an independent director of the Bank only if you meet all of the following requirements:

- You are a citizen of the United States.
- You are a *bona fide* resident of the Bank District, as determined by meeting either one of the following two sets of criteria:
 - Your principal residence is located in the Bank District; or
 - You both:
 - Own or lease in your own name a residence in the Bank District; and
 - Are employed in a voting state in the Bank District.
- Neither you nor your spouse are:
 - An officer of any Federal Home Loan Bank; or
 - An officer, employee, or director of any member of, or recipient of advances from, the Bank. For purposes of this prohibition:
 - "Advances" includes any form of lending, regardless of whether it is denominated as an "advance"; and
 - "Member" and "recipient of advances" include the institution itself and the institution's holding company, except where the assets of all members or all recipients of advances constitute less than 35 percent of the assets of the holding company, on a consolidated basis.

These eligibility requirements may be found in sections 7(a) and (b) of the Federal Home Loan Bank Act (Bank Act), 12 U.S.C. 1427(a) and (b), and in FHFA's regulations at 12 CFR 1261.5(c) and 1261.10.

In addition, you must demonstrate that you possess certain professional qualifications, which differ depending on whether you are seeking nomination for a "regular" or a "public interest" independent directorship. By law, the Bank must designate at least two of the independent directorships on its board as "public interest" directorships. These may be filled only by individuals having, at the time of

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nomination, more than four (4) years of experience representing consumer or community interests in banking services, credit needs, housing, or consumer financial protections.

Regular independent directorships—that is, those that are not public interest directorships—must be filled by individuals having, at the time of nomination, experience in or knowledge of one or more of the following areas: auditing and accounting, derivatives, financial management, organizational management, project development, risk management practices, and the law. Such knowledge or experience must be commensurate with that needed to oversee a financial institution with a size and complexity comparable to that of the Bank. The requirements regarding professional qualifications may be found in section 7(a)(3)(B) of the Bank Act, 12 U.S.C. 1427(a)(3)(B), and in FHFA's regulations at 12 CFR 1261.7(e).

Please answer all applicable questions in full and do not answer any question by referring to another document, except where expressly permitted to do so. You may continue your answers onto additional pages, if necessary, each of which shall be attached to, and deemed a part of, this Form.

YOUR PERSONAL INFORMATION

Please provide your personal information as indicated in Questions 1 – 4.

1. *Full Name:*
2. *Other Names Currently or Formerly Used, or Known by:*
3. *Contact Information:*
 - Phone number (leave room for multiple; indicate home, office, or cell):
 - E-mail address:
 - Mailing address: Number/Street (or PO Box), City, State, Zip Code
4. *Current Employment, if Applicable:*
 - Current employer:
 - Your title or position:
 - Address of your place of employment: Number/Street, City, State, Zip Code

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

Please answer Questions 5 – 8, regarding your eligibility to serve as an independent director, in full.

CITIZENSHIP AND RESIDENCY

You must meet the legal requirements as to U.S. citizenship and Bank District residency to be eligible for nomination for an independent directorship.

5. *Citizenship.* Are you a citizen of the United States? ____ Yes ____ No

6. *Residency.*

- A. Do you own or lease a residence within the Bank District? ____ Yes ____ No

If you answered No to Question 6A, you do not meet the residency requirement.

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- B. If you answered Yes to Question 6A, please provide the street address of your residence within the Bank District: (Number/Street, City, State, Zip Code)

- C. Is the address provided in response to Question 6B your principal residence?
☐ Yes ☐ No

If you answered Yes to Question 6C, you meet the residency requirement.

If you answered No to Question 6C, you may still meet the residency requirement if you are employed within the Bank District. Please continue with Question 6D to indicate your in-District employment status.

- D. Are you employed within the Bank District? ☐ Yes ☐ No

- E. If you answered Yes to Question 6D, please identify your in-District employer:

- ☐ Check if your in-District employment information is the same as that entered in response to Question 4.
- ☐ Check if your in-District employment information is different from that entered in response to Question 4, then provide the following information:
 - Name of your in-District employer:
 - Your title or position:
 - Address of your place of employment: Number/Street, City, State, Zip Code

INDEPENDENCE

The information you provide below will enable the Bank to determine whether you meet the independence requirements. You may be nominated if you do not currently meet the independence requirements, but you must agree as part of the certification at the end of this Form that you and your spouse will relinquish any positions that the Bank determines to be prohibited under those requirements. If elected, you may not be seated as an independent director so long as you or your spouse hold any such prohibited positions and, once seated, would become ineligible to continue to serve as an independent director if you or your spouse were to take any such prohibited positions.

7. Employment by a Federal Home Loan Bank.

- A. Are you or your spouse an officer or employee of any Federal Home Loan Bank?
☐ Yes ☐ No
- B. If you answered Yes to Question 7A, please provide the following information for each such position held by you or your spouse:
- ☐ Name of the person holding the position:
 - ☐ Federal Home Loan Bank of:
 - ☐ Title or position:
 - ☐ Dates held:

8. Employment by a Bank Member, Housing Associate, or Holding Company.

- A. Are you or your spouse an officer, director, or employee of a member of the Bank, an entity certified as a housing associate of the Bank, or a holding company that controls one or more members or housing associates of the Bank? ☐ Yes ☐ No

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- B. If you answered Yes to Question 8A, please provide the following information for each such position held by you or your spouse:
- Name of the person holding the position:
 - Name of the employer:
 - Check the appropriate response below to indicate whether the employer is:
 - ☐ a member
 - ☐ a holding company of a member
 - ☐ a housing associate
 - ☐ a holding company of a housing associate
 - Title or position:
 - Dates held:
 - If the employer is a holding company:
 - Indicate the total assets of the holding company;
 - Indicate the total assets of each member or housing associate of the Bank controlled by the holding company; and
 - Provide, or direct the Bank to, documentation to support those amounts.

ACADEMIC AND EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

Please answer in full Questions 9 - 11, regarding your academic and employment background. If you wish, you may answer any or all of these questions by attaching a resume or CV, so long as you provide all of the information requested. Any such attachments shall be deemed a part of this Form.

- ☐ Check if you have attached a resume or CV in response to Questions 9 - 11.
9. **Academic Degrees.** Please list any college or advanced academic degrees that you have been awarded, specifying for each: the type of degree, the name and location of the academic institution that awarded your degree, and the date awarded.
10. **Employment History.** Please list, from most to least recent, the positions you have held during your professional career, specifying for each: the name and location of your employer, your position, and the date range (including month and year) during which you served in that position. Please explain any major gaps in your employment chronology.
11. **Other Relevant Experience and Achievements.** Please list any other significant positions you have held, or currently hold, (such as other directorships or volunteer positions) and any professional certifications that you believe are relevant to your qualifications to serve as an independent director of the Bank, specifying for each: the name and location of the organization with which you served, your position, and the date range during which you served in that position; for each certification, list the certification name, the certifying entity, and the date of your certification.

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PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

Please indicate in response to Question 12 whether you are seeking nomination for a public interest independent directorship or a regular independent directorship and then complete the appropriate questions regarding your qualifications for that type of independent directorship. If you wish to be considered for both types of independent directorships, or are unsure, please check both options. If you wish to be considered for a public interest independent directorship, you must answer Question 13 in full. If you wish to be considered for a regular independent directorship, you must answer Questions 14 – 15 in full. If you wish to be considered for only one type of independent directorship, you are not required to answer the question or questions pertaining to the other type, although you may choose to do so if you wish to highlight relevant knowledge or experience in the areas addressed in those questions.

12. *Type of Independent Directorship Being Sought.* Please check one of the boxes below to indicate the type of independent directorship you are seeking.

- ☐ Check if you are seeking a public interest independent directorship.
- ☐ Check if you are seeking a regular independent directorship.

PUBLIC INTEREST INDEPENDENT DIRECTORSHIP

By statute, a nominee for a public interest independent directorship must have “more than 4 years of experience in representing consumer or community interests on banking services, credit needs, housing, or consumer financial protections.” Qualifying experience in one of the four enumerated areas may have been acquired in professional, public service, or volunteer positions, so long as the work done was substantial in terms of time commitment and responsibility. As indicated by the statute’s use of the word “representing,” the experience must have involved advocating for, or otherwise acting primarily for the direct benefit of, consumer or community interests in one of the four enumerated areas. Further, the experience must accrue from activities personally undertaken by the individual seeking nomination as a public interest independent director, as opposed to being attributed based solely on the activities of an organization with which the person was associated. Please reach out to the Bank if you have questions as to whether your experience meets the statutory requirements to qualify for service as a public interest independent director.

13. *Representation of Consumer and Community Interests.* Please explain in detail how you have represented consumer or community interests in banking services, credit needs, housing, or consumer financial protections for more than four years. At a minimum:

- Identify the positions through which you obtained your qualifying experience and specify the dates during which you served in those positions.
- Specify whether those positions involved banking services, credit needs, housing, or consumer financial protections.
- To the extent that your experience was obtained with an organization or agency, describe generally the mission of each such organization or agency and the manner in which its mission is typically fulfilled.
- Describe your responsibilities in those positions and, if any were not full-time paid employment, indicate the amount of time you spent fulfilling those responsibilities annually.

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- Describe your major accomplishments in those positions that relate to the experience needed to qualify as a public interest independent director.

REGULAR INDEPENDENT DIRECTORSHIP

If you are seeking a regular independent directorship, please answer in full Questions 14 – 15, which pertain to your professional qualifications to serve in that capacity. If you are seeking a public interest independent directorship, you are not required to answer these questions, but may choose to do so if you possess relevant knowledge and experience that you wish to highlight.

14. *Primary Areas of Knowledge and Experience.* Please indicate below, by checking the appropriate boxes, the professional areas in which you have significant knowledge or experience that is commensurate with that needed to oversee a financial institution with a size and complexity comparable to that of the Bank.

- ☐ Auditing and accounting
- ☐ Derivatives
- ☐ Financial management
- ☐ Organizational management
- ☐ Project development
- ☐ Risk management practices
- ☐ The law

15. *Description of Knowledge and Experience.* For each of your primary areas of professional knowledge and experience indicated in response to Question 14, please describe in detail the nature of that knowledge and experience and the circumstances under which you obtained it. At a minimum, for each area:

- Identify the entities with which you were employed or otherwise associated when you gained the knowledge or experience and describe briefly the business or mission of those entities (e.g., "investment bank," "law firm," etc.).
- Identify the positions you have held with those entities and describe your major accomplishments in those positions with respect to the relevant areas.

OTHER MATTERS

16. *Personal Integrity.* Is there anything in your background that might cause a reasonable person to question your personal integrity, your ability to fulfill the fiduciary duties of a board director, or your competence to supervise the management of the Bank (issues of concern could include, but are not limited to: past felony convictions or pending felony charges; any findings by a court or administrative body that you have violated federal or state civil laws relating to securities, banking, housing, or real estate; suspension or revocation of a professional license; a personal or business bankruptcy filing; a foreclosure action; or having been the subject of a tax lien)?
☐ Yes ☐ No

If you answered Yes, please fully describe the incidents, the timeframes in which they occurred, and their ultimate disposition and provide supporting documentation where appropriate.

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17. **Conflicts of Interest.** Other than any relationships described in response to Questions 7 – 8, do you or, to your knowledge, do any of your immediate family members (*i.e.*, a parent, sibling, spouse, child, other dependent, or any relative sharing your residence) or close business associates (*i.e.*, a corporation or organization of which you are an officer or a partner, or in which you own more than ten percent of any class of equity security (including subordinated debt); an individual that is an officer or a partner of, or who owns more than ten percent of any class of equity security (including subordinated debt) in, such a corporation or organization; or a trust in which you have a substantial interest or serve in a fiduciary capacity) have any financial interests or other relationships that might create actual or apparent conflicts of interest or might otherwise lead a reasonable person to question your ability to administer the affairs of the Bank fairly and impartially? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If you answered Yes, please fully describe the nature of those interests or relationships, the individuals or entities involved, and their relationship to you.

By executing this Form, you are certifying that:

- The information you have provided is true, correct, and complete to the best of your knowledge;
- You acknowledge that the Bank and the Federal Housing Finance Agency may perform a background check on you, including without limitation regarding any information disclosed herein;
- You understand that you have a continuing obligation to inform the Bank of any facts that may call into question your eligibility or ability to serve as a Bank director; and
- If you are nominated and elected to serve as a director:
 - You and your spouse will relinquish any positions that the Bank determines to be prohibited by the statutory and regulatory independence requirements for independent directors; and
 - You will regularly attend the meetings of the board of directors and the board committees to which you are assigned and will devote the time necessary to adequately prepare for those meetings and execute your other responsibilities as an independent director.

Signature:

Dated:

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INSTRUCTIONS

The Federal Home Loan Bank of [TO BE COMPLETED BY EACH BANK] (Bank) is required by law to solicit information from its incumbent directors annually to verify that each director remains in compliance with the applicable statutory and regulatory eligibility requirements. Your responses to the questions on this Federal Home Loan Bank Independent Director Annual Certification Form will assist the Bank in verifying that you continue to meet the eligibility requirements that apply to the independent directorship in which you are currently serving.

Please complete and execute this Form and return it to the Bank on or before [MARCH 1, {CURRENT YEAR}] (or, if 3/1 is not a business day, THE NEXT BUSINESS DAY FOLLOWING 3/1)]. If you fail to submit a completed and executed Form by that date, or if you submit a Form that does not adequately demonstrate that you continue to meet all applicable eligibility requirements, the Bank may determine that you are ineligible to serve, in which case the Bank would be required by law to declare your directorship vacant.

You are eligible to serve as an independent director of the Bank only if you meet all of the following requirements:

- You are a citizen of the United States.
- You are a *bona fide* resident of the Bank District, as determined by meeting either one of the following two sets of criteria:
 - Your principal residence is located in the Bank District; or
 - You both:
 - Own or lease in your own name a residence in the Bank District; and
 - Are employed in a voting state in the Bank District.
- Neither you nor your spouse are:
 - An officer of any Federal Home Loan Bank; or
 - An officer, employee, or director of any member of, or recipient of advances from, the Bank. For purposes of this prohibition:
 - “Advances” includes any form of lending, regardless of whether it is denominated as an “advance”; and
 - “Member” and “recipient of advances” include the institution itself and the institution’s holding company, except where the assets of all members or all recipients of advances constitute less than 35 percent of the assets of the holding company, on a consolidated basis.

These eligibility requirements may be found in sections 7(a) and (b) of the Federal Home Loan Bank Act (Bank Act), 12 U.S.C. 1427(a) and (b), and in FHFA’s regulations at 12 CFR 1261.5(c) and 1261.10.

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YOUR PERSONAL INFORMATION

Please provide your personal information as indicated in Questions 1 –4.

1. *Full Name:*
2. *Other Names Currently or Formerly Used, or Known by:*
3. *Contact Information:*
 - Phone number (leave room for multiple; indicate home, office, or cell):
 - E-mail address:
 - Mailing address: Number/Street (or PO Box), City, State, Zip Code
4. *Current Employment, if Applicable:*
 - Current employer:
 - Your title or position:
 - Address of your place of employment: Number/Street, City, State, Zip Code

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

Please answer Questions 5 – 8, regarding your eligibility to serve as an independent director in full.

CITIZENSHIP AND RESIDENCY

You must meet the legal requirements as to U.S. citizenship and Bank District residency to be eligible for nomination for an independent directorship.

5. *Citizenship.* Are you a citizen of the United States? ☐ Yes ☐ No
6. *Residency.*
 - A. Do you own or lease a residence within the Bank District? ☐ Yes ☐ No
If you answered No to Question 6A, you do not meet the residency requirement.
 - B. If you answered Yes to Question 6A, please provide the street address of your residence within the Bank District: (Number/Street, City, State, Zip Code)
 - C. Is the address provided in response to Question 6B your principal residence?
☐ Yes ☐ No
If you answered Yes to Question 6C, you meet the residency requirement.
If you answered No to Question 6C, you may still meet the residency requirement if you are employed within the Bank District. Please continue with Question 6D to indicate your in-District employment status.
 - D. Are you employed within the Bank District? ☐ Yes ☐ No
 - E. If you answered Yes to Question 6D, please identify your in-District employer:
 - o ☐ Check if your in-District employment information is the same as that entered in response to Question 4.

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- ☐ Check if your in-District employment information is different from that entered in response to Question 4, then provide the following information:
 - Name of your in-District employer:
 - Your title or position:
 - Address of your place of employment: Number/Street, City, State, Zip Code

INDEPENDENCE

The information you provide below will enable the Bank to determine whether you continue to meet the independence requirements.

7. Employment by a Federal Home Loan Bank.

- A. Are you or your spouse an officer or employee of any Federal Home Loan Bank?
☐ Yes ☐ No
- B. If you answered Yes to Question 7A, please provide the following information for each such position held by you or your spouse:
 - Name of the person holding the position:
 - Federal Home Loan Bank of:
 - Title or position:
 - Dates held:

8. Employment by a Bank Member, Housing Associate, or Holding Company.

- A. Are you or your spouse an officer, director, or employee of a member of the Bank, an entity certified as a housing associate of the Bank, or a holding company that controls one or more members or housing associates of the Bank? ☐ Yes ☐ No
- B. If you answered Yes to Question 8A, please provide the following information for each such position held by you or your spouse:
 - Name of the person holding the position:
 - Name of the employer:
 - Check the appropriate response below to indicate whether the employer is:
 - ☐ a member
 - ☐ a holding company of a member
 - ☐ a housing associate
 - ☐ a holding company of a housing associate
 - Position or Title:
 - Dates held:
 - If the employer is a holding company:
 - Indicate the total assets of the holding company;
 - Indicate the total assets of each member or housing associate of the Bank controlled by the holding company; and
 - Provide, or direct the Bank to, documentation to support those amounts.

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